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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Plaetinck et al.  
Serial No. : 10/057,108  
Conf. No. : 1549  
Filed : January 25, 2002  
For : CHARACTERISATION OF GENE FUNCTION USING DOUBLE  
STRANDED RNA INHIBITION  
Examiner : Unknown  
Art Unit : 1633

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A four month extension of time, to and including October 18, 2002, is requested for response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated April 18, 2002.

The enclosed check includes the fee of \$1440.00 for the extension. If the amount is considered insufficient, the balance may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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